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FOR AMBASSADOR BYRNE

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SUBJ: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

1. THE NORWEGIAN COURT WILL BE IN MOURNING FOR THREE WEEKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF THE SWEDISH KING (NOT FOUR WEEKS AS I ORIGINALLY REPORTED). LETTERS OF CREDENCE CANNOT ACCORDINGLY BE PRESENTED UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER 7. SINCE THE KING NORMALLY RECEIVES AMBASSADORS ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, OCTOBER 9 WOULD BE THE FIRST POSSIBLE DATE WHEN YOU COULD PRESENT YOUR CREDENTIALS.

2. I HAVE URGED ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL TO EXPLAIN TO PALACE THE IMPORTANCE OF RECEIVING YOU ON OCTOBER 9. HE WILL DISCUSS QUESTION WITH LORD CHAMBERLAIN ON SEPT. 18 AND LET ME KNOW REACTION, WHICH I ASSUME WILL BE FAVORABLE. USS NEWPORT NEWS, CARRYING VICE ADMIRAL FINNERAN, COMMANDER OF STRIKEFLTANT, WILL VISIT OSLO OCTOBER 10-15, IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATO EXERCISE. SINCE KING IS HONORARY ADMIRAL IN BRITISH NAVY AND SEVERAL LARGE BRITISH UNITS WILL BE PART OF STRIKEFLTANT FORCE, HE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY WISH TO GO ABOARD BRITISH VESSELS. IT IS ASSUMED HE WILL HAVE FIRST RECEIVED VADM FINNERAN, AS COMMANDER OF TASK FORCE, AT THE PALACE AND WILL ACCEPT LUNCHEON INVITATION ABOARD NEWPORT NEWS ON OCTOBER 10.

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SINCE YOU WOULD NORMALLY ACCOMPANY VADM FINNERAN DURING

HIS CALL ON THE KING AND WILL BE INVITED TO SHIPBOARD
LUNCHEON WITH THE KING, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU WILL
HAVE PRESENTED YOUR CREDENTIALS ON OCTOBER 9.

3. BRITISH AMBASSADOR IS PLANNING DINNER FOR REAR ADMIRAL
COMMANDING BRITISH UNITS FOR OCTOBER 12, APPARENTLY ONLY
FREE WEEKDAY EVENING. IF YOU ARE AGREEABLE TO HOSTING
DINNER ALSO ON OCTOBER 12 FOR VADM FINNERAN, WHICH WOULD
GIVE YOU OPPORTUNITY TO MEET LEADING NORWEGIAN MILITARY,
UK AMBASSADOR AND I HAVE AGREED WE CAN WORK OUT ARRANGE-
MENT SO THAT WE SHARE AVAILABLE OFFICIALS. AFNORTH
COMMANDER IS PROBABLY GIVING DINNER ON SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 13, AND NORWEGIANS, IN ANY CASE, DO NOT LIKE TO
ACCEPT INVITATIONS ON WEEKENDS. PLEASE ADVISE.
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